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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of DONHAUSER, Richard, LIND, Pirmin and
OPATERNY, Thilo
AUTOMATION SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPERATING AN
AUTOMATION SYSTEM
Our Ref. Q63564

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 27 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and 3 sheets of drawings. The PCT Request and PCT Cover Sheet are also enclosed. **The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date. The Information Disclosure Statement will also be submitted later.**

The present application is being filed as a Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of International Application PCT/EP99/06902, filed on September 15, 1999, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sections 1895 et seq. of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. To facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the cover page of the Published International Application and a copy of Applicants' PCT Request.

Priority is claimed from September 28, 1998 based on EP Application No. 98118288.4. The priority document will be filed at a later date.

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Total claims	<u>30</u> - 20	= <u>10</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$180.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>2</u> - 3	=	x	\$80.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee						<u>\$710.00</u>
TOTAL FEE						<u>\$890.00</u>

Variable	Mean	SD	Min	Max
Age	34.5	10.5	20	55
Gender	Male			
Marital status	Married			
Education	High school			
Occupation	Unemployed			
Income	Low			
Health status	Good			
Smoking status	Non-smoker			
Alcohol consumption	Non-drinker			
Stress level	Low			
Social support	High			
Life satisfaction	High			
Depression	Low			
Anxiety	Low			
Quality of life	High			
Health-related quality of life	High			
Physical health	Good			
Mental health	Good			
Overall health	Good			
Life expectancy	High			
Healthcare utilization	Low			
Health insurance	Yes			
Healthcare access	High			
Healthcare quality	High			
Healthcare cost	Low			
Healthcare satisfaction	High			
Healthcare utilization	Low			
Healthcare access	High			
Healthcare quality	High			
Healthcare cost	Low			
Healthcare satisfaction	High			

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